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Report of: SA DAVID J. REID
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Title: LEE HARVEY OSWALD

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Synopsis:

General MANUEL M. SICILIA, Brigadier, Mexican Army Garrison, Ojinaga, Chihuahua, Mexico, advised he had never seen LEE HARVEY OSWALD and did not recall ever having told anyone that he had. RICHARD CASE NAGELL, incarcerated in the El Paso County Jail, El Paso, stated that he had met OSWALD in Mexico City and Texas, and that their association was purely social. NAGELL refused to elaborate on this statement.

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DETAILS:

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On December 19, 1963, General MANUEL M. SICILIA, Brigadier, Mexican Army Garrison, was telephonically contacted for an appointment and he then advised that he had never seen LEE HARVEY OSWALD, and did not recall ever having told anyone that he had. General SICILIA said he was at a loss to understand how anyone could have said that he had seen OSWALD in Ojinaga on November 6, 1963.

On December 20, 1963, General SICILIA advised that he had just completed a complete investigation regarding the above-mentioned matter and that he was unable to locate any civilian or military authorities in Ojinaga who could substantiate the allegation that OSWALD was in Ojinaga on November 6, 1963.

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by SA HARREL LEON DAVIS/st -2- Date dictated 12/19/63

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RICHARD CASE NAGELL incarcerated in the El Paso County Jail on a complaint charging him with Bank Robbery advised that "For the record he would like to say that his association with OSWALD (meaning LEE HARVEY OSWALD) was purely social and that he had met him in Mexico City and in Texas."

NAGELL stated he decided to "clear the record up" since his fingerprints were taken on December 12, 1963 by Special Agents WHITE and BOYCE.

Although questioned as to where and when his contacts with OSWALD were made, he refused to comment further and said he had nothing more to say.

On 12/19/63 at El Paso, Texas File # EP 105-1264

by SA HAROLD H. BOYCE & SA THOMAS B. WHITE, JR./st -3- Date dictated 12/19/63

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On January 27, 1964, the El Paso Times contained an article on Page 7A entitled "SUSPECT SAYS AGENTS ASKED HIM ABOUT OSWALD, ACTIVITIES LINK."

According to the article, "RICHARD CASE NAGELL, charged with attempted bank robbery, said he had been questioned by the FBI and the U.S. Secret Service regarding alleged subversive activities and also LEE HARVEY OSWALD, the alleged assassin of President Kennedy."

The article contained information regarding the appearance of NAGELL before United States District Judge HOMER THORNBERRY in El Paso in connection with the bank robbery charge filed against him and stated, "Instead of asking for a plea, FRED MORTON, assistant U.S. district attorney, made a motion to put NAGELL in a federal institution in Springfield, Mo., for phychiatric observation. The motion was granted over NAGELL's vigorous objections.

"Later MORTON, HERBERT HOXIE, special FBI agent, and GEORGE WEISHEIT, Secret Service agent, would not comment on NAGELL's specific allegations.

"WEISHEIT did say he questioned NAGELL on a matter at NAGELL's request, but WEISHEIT would not note what the matter concerned."

The article further states, "After being ordered to Springfield for 30 days, NAGELL said he would not participate in any psychiatric exmination there."